

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims, as follows:

Claims 1-11 (canceled).

Claim 12 (currently amended): A communications system comprising:

a subscriber switching system provided at a subscriber switching station for exchanging telephone calls;

a LAN associated with the subscriber switching system, the LAN not being directly connected to an Internet;

branching means provided at the subscriber switching station, the branching means having a common terminal point, a first branching terminal point and a second branching terminal point, the common terminal point being connected with a subscriber line at a side of the subscriber switching system, the first branching terminal point being connected with the subscriber switching system, and the second branching terminal point being connected with the LAN, the common terminal point and the first branching terminal point being used in combination for establishing a first path for conventional telephone communications using the subscriber switching system, and the common terminal point and the second branching terminal point being used in combination for establishing a second path for data communications transferred over the LAN; and,

at least one information providing server connected to and associated with the LAN, for providing a [[subscriber device]] communication terminal with information through the LAN and the subscriber line.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The communications system of claim 12, wherein

the LAN connected with the at least one information providing server is placed together with the subscriber switching system in a corresponding switching station.

Claim 14. (previously presented): The communications system of claim 12, wherein the at least one information providing server comprises a document browsing server.

Claim 15. (previously presented): The communications system of claim 12, wherein the at least one information providing server comprises a mail server.

Claim 16. (previously presented): The communication system of claim 12, wherein call-out information is generated in response to a call-out signal from the subscriber switching system to the subscriber line, and the call-out information is supplied on the subscriber line.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The communications system of claim 12, wherein the branching means connects the subscriber line with the subscriber switching system in response to a call-out signal sent from the switching system to the subscriber line.

Claim 18 (previously presented): The communications system of claim 12, wherein the subscriber line is connected with the at least one information providing server based on a service identification number.

Claim 19 (currently amended): The communications system of claim ~~[[12]]~~ 18, wherein the at least one information providing server, one information providing server

being provided for each of at least one community, is accessed by inputting the service identification number followed by a corresponding identification code for one of the at least one community.

Claim 20 (previously presented): The communications device of claim 12, wherein an access point to the Internet is connected with the LAN.

Claim 21 (previously presented): The communications system of claim 12, wherein the branching means separates signals based on frequency bands.

Claim 22 (currently amended): A communications system comprising:

a mobile switching system provided at a mobile switching station for exchanging mobile telephone calls;

a LAN associated with the mobile switching system, the LAN not being directly connected to an Internet;

branching means provided at the mobile switching station, the branching means having a common terminal point, a first branching terminal point and a second branching terminal point, the common terminal point being connected with a subscriber line from a base station at a side of the mobile switching system, the first branching terminal point being connected with the mobile switching system, and the second branching terminal point being connected with the LAN, the common terminal point and the first branching terminal point being used in combination for establishing a first path for mobile telephone communications using the mobile switching system, and the common terminal point and the second terminal branching terminal point being used in combination for establishing

a second path for data communications transferred over the LAN; and,

at least one information providing server connected to and associated with the LAN,
for providing a mobile station with information through the LAN, the subscriber line, and the
base station.

Claim 23 (new): A communications system comprising:

a subscriber switching system provided at a subscriber switching station for
exchanging telephone calls;

at least one communication terminal separate from and connected to the subscriber
switching station;

a LAN associated with the subscriber switching system, the LAN not being directly
connected to an Internet;

branching means provided at the subscriber switching station, the branching means
having a common terminal point, a first branching terminal point and a second branching
terminal point, the common terminal point being connected with a subscriber line at a side
of the subscriber switching system, the first branching terminal point being connected with
the subscriber switching system, and the second branching terminal point being connected
with the LAN, the common terminal point and the first branching terminal point being used
in combination for establishing a first path for conventional telephone communications
using the subscriber switching system, and the common terminal point and the second
branching terminal point being used in combination for establishing a second path for data
communications transferred over the LAN; and,

at least one information providing server connected to and associated with the LAN,
for providing the at least one communication terminal with information through the LAN and

the subscriber line.